

**SAME OLD STORY.**

**Train Robbers Hold Up Train Near St. Louis.**

**As It Was Passing Through a Lonely Swamp.**

**WASN'T MUCH MONEY**

**And the Robbers Were Frightened Away.**

St. Louis, Mo., March 7.—Last night about 9 o'clock the Mobile and Ohio train which left here at 8:35 o'clock was held up by three robbers at Forest Lawn, Ill., about four miles from East St. Louis. This is the third time within the past six months that this road has suffered from robbers at this point.

It is thought the hold-up was perpetrated by members of the same gang which committed the other robberies. There is no telegraph office at Forest Lawn and particulars are very hard to obtain.

At Forest Lawn the Mobile and Ohio runs through a swamp. The tracks have been built up high above it and it was along there that the robbery occurred. It cannot be ascertained what the robbers obtained, but it is not thought the haul amounted to much. The Southern Express company, which suffered heavily by the previous robberies, had become cautious, and since the last one has not made any heavy shipments on this train.

**They Were Scared Away.**

St. Louis, Mo., March 7.—It is learned that the robbers were frightened away before they could get at the valuables in the express car.

**LED BY A WOMAN.**

**Your Masked Men Rob the Traders' Store of Cashmore of a Big Sum.**

WATONKA, Okla., March 7.—Four masked men and a woman disguised as a man, and who is supposed to be the notorious "Tom" King, raided the Traders' store at Cantonment, made the proprietor and five clerks tie up at the point of a revolver, robbed everyone of them, and took the money in the safe, which is supposed to be quite a large sum, as there is no bank within fifty miles of the place. At the suggestion of the female desperado, the clerks were afterward reminded their watches and jewelry.

**Keokuk Falls Raided by Bandits.**

GUTHRIE, Okla., March 7.—Saturday night while the three stores of the little town of Keokuk Falls, in the Pawnee nation, reservation, were filled with customers, six masked men rode up and compelled everybody to hold up their hands. They robbed the three storekeepers of all the cash on hand, amounting to nearly \$1,000, and then departed. The next night a lady school teacher in the Seminole county was robbed of \$200 pay she had just received, the work being done by members of the same gang.

**LIMITED TRAIN WRECKED.**

Pennsylvania Special Is Derailed Near Columbus, O.—Several Persons Hurt.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 7.—The Pennsylvania railroad special, No. 20, which arrived at Columbus at 8:10 p.m., and left at 8:30 met with an accident at Beeds avenue crossing about two miles east of the city about 8:30 last evening. This is the solid limited vestibuled and carried passengers from Cincinnati, St. Louis and the West to New York. It is generally crowded with passengers.

There is a target tower located at Reed avenue, which is two stories high, and from which the interlocking switch apparatus is operated. The train had just passed the tower at a rate estimated to be about twenty miles an hour, when the last sleeper jumped the track and was thrown against the target, being practically smothered into kindling wood. The force and weight of the sleeper leaving the track pulled the other cars off, and the whole train was derailed, but none of the cars turned over.

The passengers were all gotten out of the sleeper, none of whom were seriously hurt. The train crew and other employees were badly hurt, but it is believed any of them sustained fatal injuries.

**COMMUNION WINE.**

A New York Minister Objects to Communionists Taking More Than a Sip.

NEW YORK, March 7.—A sip, just a sip is all that the Rev. Dr. J. A. Darlington thinks the members of his church should take when the communion wine is handed them.

"There are some persons who insist on taking good-sized drinks," he said to his congregation in Christ's Episcopal church, Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, just before the sacrament was handed around Sunday. "This church uses twice as much wine as is used by some New York churches of the same size."

The young folks giggled and the old folks coughed, but the consumption of wine was not diminished when the goblets went around.

**A WINDFALL FOR MRS. LEASE.**

A Fortune Left Her by the Will of an Aunt in Ireland.

WICHITA, Kan., March 7.—Mrs. Lease, the reform agitator and orator, received word from Dingley, Ireland, yesterday that by a will made by an aunt of hers sixteen years ago, she is left heir to a large fortune, which has been accumulating in interest ever since. The Irish relatives did not know what had become of the climes, one of whom Mrs. Lease is, until her fame spread over this continent and reached back in the country of Louth, in which her aunt and old neighbors lived. The amount of the fortune is not stated.

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**NEW YORK ELECTIONS.**

The Returns Show Decided Republican Gain Over Last Year.

New York, March 7.—The election returns from the various counties of the state show decided Republican gains. They have gained in some districts that the Democrats held to be essentially their own.

In Geneva the Republicans made a clean sweep. Every one of their candidates was elected by an overwhelming majority.

In Rochester the Republicans are jubilant over the outcome of the election, the candidate for mayor having been elected by a majority of probably 3,000.

In Little Falls not a single Democrat was elected. Every town in Wayne county shows Republican gains. In Gloversville the board of aldermen is entirely Republican.

The returns from Roseland, Washington, Essex, Clinton and Greene counties all show that the Republicans have either held their own or made large gains. Lansingburgh elected the entire Republican ticket by over 1,200 majority. Last year the Democratic majority was six. Saratoga county went Republican by increased majorities.

In Oswego the fight was between Cleveland, Hill and Platt and anti-Platt Democrats and Republicans. The returns in the mayoralty fight were so badly mixed an official count will be necessary to decide as to the winning candidate.

In Troy, N. Y., the vote polled was a heavy as that cast in the presidential year. With a few districts missing, the vote for mayor shows that Molloy, the regular Democrat, has defeated Whelan, the Independent, by 1,400 votes.

Was Determined to Die.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., March 7.—Despondent over bad business and feeling that he could not meet his obligations, W. M. Kellifer, a well-known saloon man, decided to end his existence. He went out near Troy, on the Grand Island tracks, and after taking off his coat lay down, placed his head on one of the rails and then fired a bullet into his brain. The shot did not kill him and a few minutes later a freight train came along and striking him threw him twenty feet. He was picked up and died an hour before death came. He was unmarried.

Tarred and Feathered.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., March 7.—At Edgerton, this county, James Erickson, 70 years of age, was dragged from his house in his night clothes by a mob of 100 masked men and given a coat of tar and feathers. Erickson, it is alleged, attempted to assault a 13-year-old daughter of James McFerrier last Sunday night. The old man was severely whipped.

Contractor's Train blown Up.

RICHMOND, Ky., March 7.—A contractor's train was blown to atoms while standing on a siding at Paint Lick, near here, and the neighborhood given a shaking up. A number of dynamite sticks had been placed by the stove in one of the cars to blow out. There was an explosion which blew the cars to cinders. The workers made narrow escapes.

Youthful Murderess Found Guilty.

DEADWOOD, S. D., March 7.—Mary Yosta, who murdered Maggie McDermott December 17 while in a jealous rage was found guilty of manslaughter in the second degree. The maximum penalty is four years imprisonment. The prisoner is only 17 years of age and is the daughter of a farmer near Lincoln, Neb.

Confession of a Bank Thief.

DEXTER, Mich., March 6.—O. C. Gregory, assistant cashier of the Dexter Savings bank, has confessed to Detective Baker of Detroit that he himself stole the \$1,300 from the vault of the bank last Thursday, and that his story of being attacked and slugged by masked robbers was purely fiction.

Fatal Horse Jumping.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., March 7.—Annie Wells, 5 years old, was a pupil at the colored school here. Yesterday during a recess she unsewed herself by "jumping the rope." She jumped 125 times, her playmates said. Then she went back into the school room, took her seat and toppled over dead.

Atchison Bars Withdrawn.

CHICAGO, March 7.—As predicted, the Atchison road has withdrawn from the Western Passenger association. It signs its reasons for withdrawal as that the association agreement affords it no protection and it is failing as far as protection against outside lines is concerned.

Gladstone has a Cataract.

LOXON, March 7.—Sir H. Gladstone has placed himself in the hands of Sir James Paget, the famous surgeon, and the oculist, Netherclift. They say that there is undoubtedly a cataract forming on one of his eyes with the prospect of a similar weakening of the other.

Naval Cadet Appointed.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Representative Brodrick appointed as naval cadet Lee Johnson of Leavenworth, and Chadd Kellar of Atchison as substitutes.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Burglars in Jeffersonville, Ind., have resorted to wholesale chloroforming in their attempts to rob houses of citizens.

Jesse Pomeroy, the famous lawbreaker, who is serving a life sentence in the Charlestown state prison, has been caught in another attempt to escape.

The brig Albert has arrived at San Francisco from Honolulu. She left there February 16, five days earlier than the date of the last previous arrival. Nothing of importance has transpired on the island.

The imperial treasury of Germany has distributed various documents to the members of the silver commission. The documents include statistics of the production of German silver, which amounted in 1893 to 768 kilograms. The amount of foreign silver employed in Germany was 200,360 kilograms.

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**LOCHREN LASHED.**

Gen. Sickles Denounces His Pension Policy.

Says the Commissioner Hasn't Treated Congress Right.

**HE LACKED MANNERS**

As Well as Knowledge of the Law.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The debate on the pensions appropriation bill was continued yesterday in the house, the feature of the day being General Sickles' speech criticizing the action of Commissioner Lochren. An agreement was reached whereby the debate on the bill will close at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Sickles read an extract from Mr. Cleveland's letter of acceptance of the presidential nomination, saying the debt due the defenders of the Union should be ungrudgingly discharged. Upon that pledge to the soldiers, the Democratic party stood and won the political victory.

The pension system commanded the approval of all parties and all sections. Justice to the union soldier was the one thing upon which all were united. He was not able to agree with the commissioner of pensions, either in his interpretation of the law or his manner of treating the legislation of congress. The commissioner had characterized the act of December 23, 1893, in which congress declared a pension to be a "vested right" as "insecure and inappropriate."

That was not a decorous way of treating an act of congress, and his speaker ought to have returned it to him with the admonition to treat congress with more respect. [Reproduced Rep. House speech.]

He had only to go to his law dictionary to find what was a right and what vested right. A right was a well founded claim, a vested right, a right to present enjoyment. Yet an army of 12,000 men had been deprived of that enjoyment by an official of the government.

**DEMOCRATS PUZZLED.**

Annoyed at the Attempt of the Republican Senators to Take Up Senatorial.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—It develops the concerted action of the Republican senators in their effort to take up the bland secession bill at this time with a purpose of dislocating the tariff bill is the result of a conference held by the advisory committee of the Republican senatorial caucus. While the Republican senators, both favorable to and adverse to silver, express themselves as in favor of the movement, there is no great zeal manifested on either side.

The Democratic members of the finance committee are evidently annoyed and annoyed at the announced determination of the Republicans to try to take up the bland bill and carry it. Senator Stewart's motion, should it prevail, would delay the tariff bill indefinitely. They have not yet agreed upon a policy with reference to this movement, but there is good reason for believing that Senator Fallin's objection to the consideration of the motion yesterday was inspired by the Democratic members of the finance committee. His objection followed very closely upon a conference which he held with them upon this subject.

**SENATE TARIFF BILL.**

It is sent to the Public Printer and is undoubtedly completed.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The Democratic members of the senate finance committee adjourned a few minutes after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. All the appearances indicated when they adjourned that they had concluded their labors, but they refused to say that they had, and were very evasive in their responses to questions. A circumstance which confirms the opinion that the committee has completed its preliminary work is found in the fact the bill which has been engrossed upon was sent to the printer a short time before the Democratic members of the committee left the capital for their homes.

The sugar duty advocates profess ignorance of what if anything has been done in their behalf, and it appears probable if the committee has already completed its work, it has done upon a schedule of prices and determined to submit it without further submission to those interested.

**Senators Hope to Explain.**

WASHINGTON, March 7.—A somewhat amusing episode enlivens the senate proceedings yesterday, inaugurated by Senator Berry's personal explanation. A New York newspaper had included him in a group of portraits of nine Democratic senators whom it styled "obstructionists" to the tariff bill. Mr. Berry denied he had ever done anything but an earnest advocate of the bill and on all occasions had advised its speedy report to the senate without modifications. His explanation was followed by explanations from Messrs. Faulkner, Glass, McLaurin and Morgan, which led to much amusement in the Senate chamber.

**No Change in House Rules.**

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The Democratic house caucus called for 9 o'clock last night to consider the advisability of strengthening the rules, failed to secure a quorum and the fifty-eight Democrats present adjourned without reaching any conclusion. Two hours were spent in general discussion. Speaker Crisp left early in the evening, and was followed by others who recognized nothing would be accomplished. It was felt the time for a strong rule was past, now that the Bland bill is out of the way.

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